

SENATE BILL No. 461

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-23-7.3.

Synopsis: Office of geographic information. Establishes the office of geographic information as part of the state data center to provide for the development and implementation of a geographic information system (GIS). Establishes the geographic information system council to oversee the office and provide policy support and strategic direction to the office. Establishes the GIS development and maintenance fund. Appropriates any money in the fund.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-23-7.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2007]:

4 **Chapter 7.3. Geographic Information System**

5 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the
6 **geographic information system council** established by section 11 of
7 **this chapter.**

8 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "executive director" refers to the
9 **executive director of the office.**

10 **Sec. 3.** As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the GIS
11 **development and maintenance fund** established by section 17 of
12 **this chapter.**

13 **Sec. 4.** As used in this chapter, "GIS" refers to geographic
14 **information systems.**

15 **Sec. 5.** As used in this chapter, "IGIC" refers to the Indiana
16 **Geographic Information Council, Inc.,** established as an Indiana
17 **nonprofit corporation on May 16, 2002.**



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1 Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "office" refers to the office of
2 geographic information established by section 14 of this chapter.

3 Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "political subdivision" has the
4 meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-13.

5 Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "state agency" has the meaning
6 set forth in IC 4-13-1-1.

7 Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "state data center" refers to the
8 state data center established under IC 4-23-7.1.

9 Sec. 10. As used in this chapter, "state educational institution"
10 has the meaning set forth in IC 20-12-0.5-1.

11 Sec. 11. (a) The geographic information system council is
12 established.

13 (b) The council consists of the following members:

14 (1) The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's
15 designee.

16 (2) Two (2) individuals appointed by the governor to
17 represent state agencies.

18 (3) Two (2) individuals appointed by the governor to
19 represent commercial GIS service providers.

20 (4) Two (2) individuals appointed by the governor to
21 represent the interests of state educational institutions in GIS.

22 (5) Two (2) individuals appointed by the governor to
23 represent cities and towns.

24 (6) Two (2) individuals appointed by the governor to
25 represent counties.

26 (7) Two (2) individuals designated by the IGIC to represent
27 the IGIC.

28 (c) A member of the council appointed by the governor serves
29 at the governor's pleasure.

30 (d) The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's
31 designee serves as chair of the council.

32 (e) Seven (7) council members constitute a quorum. The
33 affirmative votes of at least seven (7) council members are
34 necessary for the council to take official action other than to
35 adjourn or to meet to hear reports or testimony.

36 (f) The council shall meet at the call of the chair.

37 (g) Each member of the council who is not a state employee is
38 entitled to the following:

39 (1) The minimum salary per diem provided by
40 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).

41 (2) Reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
42 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in

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connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(h) Each member of the council who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

Sec. 12. The council shall do the following:

- (1) Oversee the office and the administration of the fund.
- (2) Provide policy support and strategic direction to the office.
- (3) Cooperate with the United States Board on Geographic Names established by P.L.80-242 by serving as the state names authority for Indiana.

Sec. 13. The council's expenses shall be paid from the fund.

Sec. 14. (a) The office of geographic information is established as part of the state data center.

(b) The governor shall appoint an executive director for the office.

(c) The executive director serves at the pleasure of the governor.

(d) The executive director serves as the chief executive officer of the council and the office.

(e) The office shall provide staff and other administrative support for the council.

Sec. 15. (a) The office shall do the following:

(1) Maintain the following:

(A) A statewide GIS inventory of current and planned geographic information systems, framework data, and applications.

(B) Information on grants available for the acquisition or enhancement of GIS resources.

(C) A directory of GIS resources available in Indiana or from the federal government.

(2) Provide high level advice and assistance to state and local government agencies in developing GIS capacity, including the development and maintenance of multiagency or multijurisdictional, statewide GIS in cooperation with other persons.

(3) Advise on data sensitivity issues so that information is available to the public while needed confidentiality is

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protected.

(4) Publish a statewide GIS plan and annual report.

(5) Represent Indiana's interests in communications and discussions with federal agencies regarding spatial data, spatial data exchanges, cost leveraging opportunities, spatial data standards, and other GIS related issues.

(b) The office may do the following:

(1) Work with other persons to support the functions of statewide GIS coordination.

(2) Administer GIS grant programs for political subdivisions or other persons to establish and maintain GIS as those programs are established by political subdivisions, the state, the federal government, state educational institutions, or any other person.

(3) Coordinate multiagency or multijurisdictional GIS projects, including the development and maintenance of statewide framework data layers associated with a statewide base map (orthophotography, cadastral, transportation, elevation, surface water, geodetic control, and boundaries).

(4) Maintain multiagency or multijurisdictional data sharing agreements for framework and other GIS data.

(5) In cooperation with other persons:

(A) evaluate;

(B) participate in pilot studies of; and

(C) make recommendations on;

GIS hardware and software.

(6) Prepare funding proposals for grants to enhance coordination and implementation of GIS.

(7) Participate in the IGIC.

Sec. 16. The office shall coordinate efforts with Indiana University, Purdue University, Indiana State University, Ball State University, and the University of Southern Indiana to do the following:

(1) Promote formal GIS education opportunities for full-time and part-time students.

(2) Provide informal GIS learning opportunities through a series of seminars and noncredit concentrated classes provided throughout Indiana.

(3) Coordinate research assets for the benefit of Indiana by maintaining inventories of the universities' academic and technical experts, data and technology resources, and research interests for collaboration to pursue research grant

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opportunities.

(4) Implement an outreach network to Indiana political subdivisions to enhance communication and data sharing among state government, political subdivisions, and the business community.

Sec. 17. (a) The GIS development and maintenance fund is established for the following purposes:

(1) Funding GIS grants.

(2) Administering this chapter.

(b) The fund consists of the following:

(1) Appropriations made to the fund by the general assembly.

(2) Gifts or grants received by the state for GIS purposes.

(c) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purposes described in section 15 of this chapter.

(d) The office shall administer the fund.

(e) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

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